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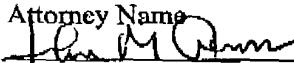
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT FOR REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance issued July 26, 2004 in the referenced application ("Notice").

Prior to the issuance of the Notice, Applicant submitted an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") on the following dates:

- December 23, 2003;
- March 19, 2004; and
- May 25, 2004.

The Notice included copies of Form PTO/SB/08A for the IDS filed December 23, 2003 and May 25, 2004, respectively, which bear the Examiner's initials, thereby confirming that the cited art was entered and considered by the Examiner.

However, the Notice did not include a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A for the IDS filed March 19, 2004. Nor is there any description of the IDS filed March 19, 2004 in the file contents of the subject application as recorded in Patent Application Information Retrieval ("PAIR"). Accompanying this communication is a copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission confirming that the IDS of March 19, 2004 was, in fact, received by the Office.

The IDS of March 19, 2004 disclosed a written decision that had been rendered by the European Patent Office in connection with EP 0 652 872 which is the European member of the same patent family to which the subject application also belongs. In a telephone discussion that occurred on today's date, the Examiner informed the undersigned Attorney that the Examiner recalls having received and read the written decision.

Accordingly, to remove any ambiguity from the record, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the PTO/SB/08A that was part of the IDS filed March 19, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to initial the form and return a copy of the initialed PTO/SB/08A to the undersigned Attorney.

Dated: August 9, 2004

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- Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission
- Form PTO/SB/08A